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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *MY PERESTROIKA*

An Intimate Look at the Last Generation of Soviet Children

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with PBS' Point-of-View (POV), will host a preview film screening of *My Perestroika*, by film maker Robin Hessman on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., with a special introduction by Helen Kaminsky at 6:15 p.m., in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

When the USSR broke apart in 1991, a generation of young people faced a new realm of possibilities. *My Perestroika* tells the stories of five Moscow schoolmates who were brought up behind the Iron Curtain, witnessed the joy and confusion of glasnost, and reached adulthood right as the world changed around them. Through candid first-person testimony, revealing verité footage, and vintage home movies, Hessman, who spent many years living in Moscow, reveals a Russia rarely ever seen on film, where people are frank about their lives and forthcoming about their country. Engaging, funny, and positively inspiring, in *My Perestroika* politics is personal, honesty overshadows ideology, and history progresses one day, one life at a time.

Since 1988, PBS' "POV" series has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. *My Perestroika* is scheduled to debut on national public television on June 28.

Helen Kaminsky is the CEO of Loving Care Adult Day Health Center which helps adults with chronic conditions to live more independently. Russian-born, she is of that last generation of young Russians who grew up in the last days of the former USSR. For more information, please visit www.lovingcareadhc.com/index.html.

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